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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on Feb 8, 2000.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
*See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). 2 6) ☐ Other:

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-24 are presented for examination.

Claim Objections

2. Claims 2-13, 15-19 and 21-24 are objected to because of the following informalities: at the beginning of each recited claim, letter [A] should be changed to -- The --. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) do not apply to the examination of this application as the application being examined was not (1) filed on or after November 29, 2000, or (2) voluntarily published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b). Therefore, this application is examined

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under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

4. Claims 1-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Waldner et al (US Pat No. 6,141,413), herein after referred as Waldner.

Regarding claim 1, Waldner teaches a method of providing data relating to a customer contact with an automatic call distribution (ACD) system to an ACD agent, the method comprising:

providing a universal resource locator (URL) from the ACD system to a browser of the agent (see col. 10, Ins 8 - 55);

accessing the URL at a server in response to a request from the browser (see col. 10, Ins 8 - 55);

providing at least one web page to the browser, the web page corresponding with the URL and including the data (see col. 10, Ins 8 - 55).

Regarding claim 2, Waldner teaches the method as in claim 1, further comprising accessing via the server at least one database to obtain at least some of the data for inclusion in the web page (see col. 10, Ins 8 - 55).

Regarding claim 3, Waldner teaches the method as in claim 1, further comprising attaching information to the URL before providing the URL to the browser (see col. 10, Ins 8 - 55).

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Regarding claim 4, Waldner teaches the method as in claim 3, the information attached to the URL including contact processing information, said contact processing information including at least one of a group consisting of: type of the customer contact, identification of the agent, and treatment of the contact by the ACD (see col. 10, Ins 8 - 55).

Regarding claim 5, Waldner teaches the method as in claim 3, the information attached to the URL including contact-derived information, said contact-derived information including at least one of a group consisting of: a calling party number, a billing number associated with an origin of the customer contact, a telephone number associated with the origin of the customer contact, a subscriber name associated with the origin of the customer contact, a called party number, information provided in response to a programmed script, identification of a customer provided in response to a programmed script, an account number provided in response to a programmed script, a product model number provided in response to a programmed script, an e-mail source name, an e-mail subject line, a callback number provided in a web callback contact, a callback name provided in a web callback contact, and a computer address associated with the origin of the customer contact (see col. 10, Ins 8 - 55).

Regarding claim 6, Waldner teaches the method as in claim 1, wherein the data in the web page includes at least some information attached to the URL by the ACD (see col. 10, Ins 8 - 55).

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Regarding claim 7, Waldner teaches the method as in claim 1, further comprising selecting the URL based on information about the contact available to the ACD (see col. 10, Ins 8 - 55).

Regarding claim 8, Waldner teaches the method as in claim 1, further comprising obtaining at least some of the data in the web page based on at least some information attached to the URL by the ACD (see col. 10, Ins 8 - 55).

Regarding claim 9, Waldner teaches the method as in claim 1, wherein the step of providing the URL comprises: sending the URL to ACD console software of the agent; and providing the URL to the browser from the console software (see col. 10, Ins 8 - 55).

Regarding claim 10, Waldner teaches the method as in claim 1, wherein the step of providing the URL comprises sending the URL directly to the browser from the ACD system (see col. 10, Ins 8 - 55).

Regarding claim 11, Waldner teaches the method as in claim 1, the server being accessible through at least one of a group consisting of: a publicly accessible computer network, limited-access computer network, and a private computer network accessible within an organization operating the ACD (see col. 10, Ins 8 - 55).

Regarding claim 12, Waldner teaches the method as in claim 1, the customer contact being one of a group consisting of: a telephone call, an e-mail contact, a web

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callback contact, a web chat contact, a facsimile contact, a video contact, and a web telephony voice contact (see col. 10, Ins 8 - 55).

Regarding claim 13, Waldner teaches the method as in claim 1, further comprising displaying the web page to the agent (see col. 10, Ins 8 - 55).

As to claims 14 and 20, they are rejected for the same reasons set forth to rejecting claim 1 above, since claims 14 and 20 are merely a system for implementing the method defined in the method claim 1.

As to claims 15 and 21, they are rejected for the same reasons set forth to rejecting claim 2 above, since claims 15 and 21 are merely a system for implementing the method defined in the method claim 2.

As to claims 16 and 22, they are rejected for the same reasons set forth to rejecting claim 3 above, since claims 16 and 22 are merely a system for implementing the method defined in the method claim 3.

As to claims 17 and 23, they are rejected for the same reasons set forth to rejecting claim 5 above, since claims 17 and 23 are merely a system for implementing the method defined in the method claim 5.

As to claim 18, it is rejected for the same reasons set forth to rejecting claim 6 above, since claim 18 is merely a system for implementing the method defined in the method claim 6.

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As to claim 19, it is rejected for the same reasons set forth to rejecting claim 12 above, since claim 19 is merely a system for implementing the method defined in the method claim 12.

As to claim 24, it is rejected for the same reasons set forth to rejecting claim 13 above, since claim 24 is merely a system for implementing the method defined in the method claim 13.

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Goss et al (US Pat No. 6,493,447) disclose a contact server for a call center for synchronizing telephone calls and TCP/IP communications.

Chack (US Pat No. 6,438,599) discloses a system and method for establishing communication between a transaction initiator and a transaction processing system.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bing Bui whose telephone number is (703) 308-5858. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 7:30 to 5:00.

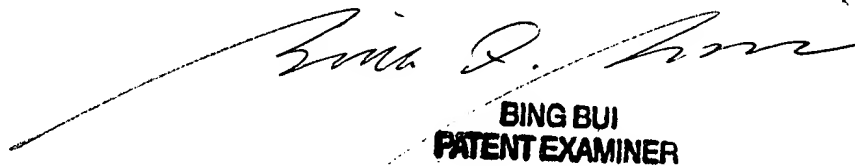
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ahmad Matar, can be reached on (703) 305-4731. The fax phone number

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